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## **The Kinsey Sicks to make Toronto debut on Pride Week stage**

**TORONTO, May 17, 2005** — Pride Toronto announced today that The Kinsey Sicks, “America’s Favourite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet,” will make their first-ever Toronto appearance during Pride Week’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

“The Kinsey Sicks have taken their unique style of award-winning a cappella singing, sharp satire, and over-the-top drag to audiences from the Castro to Broadway,” said Fred Pitt, Pride Toronto Co-chair. “Now, they’re making their Toronto premiere as part of Pride Week, and I think that’s a sign of our festival’s ever-increasing cultural profile and artistic drawing power.”

Since 1994, The Kinsey Sicks’ musical, comedic and theatrical productions have played to packed houses across North America.

In 2001, they produced and starred in their critically acclaimed off-Broadway hit, *DRAGAPELLA! Starring The Kinsey Sicks*, at New York’s legendary Studio 54. The production received a Lucille Lortel Awards (recognizing outstanding achievement off-Broadway) nomination for Best Musical and a Drama Desk Award nomination for Best Lyrics.

The San Francisco-based group has made network TV appearances on ABC’s *20/20* and *The Early Show* on CBS, and has been featured on the cover of the *New York Times*’ Arts section. Their discography includes four CDs: *Dragapella*, *Boyz 2 Girlz*, *Sicks in the City*, and *I Wanna Be a Republican*.

The Kinsey Sicks will take to the TD Canada Trust North Stage, located at Church and Gloucester streets, on Sunday, June 26 at 9:00 p.m.

### **About Pride Toronto**

Pride Toronto ([www.pridetoronto.com](http://www.pridetoronto.com)) is the not-for-profit organization that hosts Pride Week, an annual festival held during the last week of June in downtown Toronto. Pride Week is Canada’s largest celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, intersex and queer people, and is one of the leading cultural events of its kind in the world.

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